

Let's Show More Respect for Our Property --- At School

Suppose you should walk into your home someday and be greeted by a sight such as this: The front door is artistically engraved by a penknife with such things as "J.C. + W. M.", and various sized squares, circles, and little curly lines.

The front yard is one big litter of paper, orange peels, apple cores, etc. You open the door and walk in. What you see shocks you. The furniture, like the front door, is engraved with drawings. Your rugs look almost like the front yard, with the exception of ink spots in various places. And the dining room! The table is covered with sacks, paper, and food. The floor is even worse. You go to the kitchen to get a drink of water. "Glasses, glasses everywhere, but not a drop to drink."

A scene that is unlikely to be seen in our civilized city? Perhaps not. Possibly you haven't ever seen anything like that. You spend almost seven hours a day, five days a week, four weeks a month, and nine months a year in school.

After all, our lunchroom isn't one of the most beautiful sights of Houston. But it could almost be.

Wouldn't you enjoy sitting (for once) at a desk that didn't have ink and pencil marks on it? Wouldn't you like to go into the restrooms and see clean mirrors, doors, and walls?

Well, you can. Whenever you see someone scratching or writing on the desks, remind them that the school is their home during most of the day.

So whenever you have an urge to put a pencil mark on your desk, just think . . . "Would I do this if I owned these desks, and I was at home?" Nine times out of ten you will put the pencil away and even start erasing the marks that are already there.—Arlene Strong.

TO WIN OR NOT TO WIN

To win or not to win, that is the question that runs through the minds of sweetheart candidates during the month of February. "Will I be selected as the most popular girl from my grade?" wonders each candidate hopefully.

On the night of the Sweetheart Dance, after the winners of the contest have been announced, many sweetheart candidates leave the ball as "sweethearts broken," because they didn't win.

Well, Miss Sweetheartbroken, you would have been overjoyed if you had won the contest. But you didn't. So what? Does that mean you're unpopular, that nobody likes you? Of course it doesn't. You know you are likeable because you were selected by your homeroom to represent them in the contest. They like and respect you or you wouldn't have been selected. So cheer up! There are other contests and honors galore awaiting. Continue to be friendly and helpful to everyone, as you have in the past and your popularity will never die.

SMOOTHIE — OR SQUARE?

The sweet sound of music has been filling the starry evenings lately, but have you been tuned in? Are you on your toes when it comes to knowing how to act at a dance or are you, to coin a phrase, "dancing in the dark"? Everyone likes to make a good impression at dances and social affairs. How about you? What kind of impression are you making from the moment you enter the ballroom till the time you leave? Remember, someone is forming an opinion of you every minute.

Whether the ballroom is the school gym, decorated with crepe paper streamers, or a rented hall and the dance a simple square dance, you wouldn't want to be classified as a square with bad manners, would you? Ballroom etiquette covers more than just knowing the latest dance jigs, although your date does expect you to have a fair knowledge of the basic steps.

For instance, how do you treat the chaperons? Don't forget, they are people, too, not props at a dance. Without them the dance might not be possible. At the next dance, show them how much you appreciate their interest in you.

And what do you look like on the dance-floor? There are two types of dancers that don't rate much on any invitation list. There are the "clinging vines" and the "show-offs." "Clinging vines" are out of place at a dance and "show-off" dances are poor choices for large, crowded floors.

Practice good manners at all times. Loud, boisterous noises are considered poor taste inside any building. Good etiquette calls for dancing with more than one person all evening. You'll find that more mixing will make more friends for you in the student body.

You will find the above suggestions helpful in creating a more pleasant dance atmosphere. Pershing is always glad to sponsor a dance that will be a lot of fun but the number of dances we have at school depends upon the way we students enjoy ourselves and the way in which we conduct ourselves.—Editor.

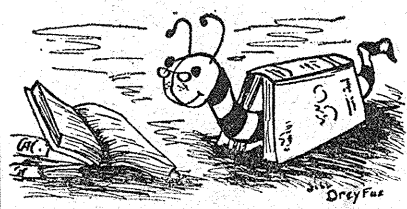
Teacher Of The Month

Mrs. Leila McKinley, our own school Counselor, has been selected teacher of the month. Mrs. McKinley has been a teacher in Houston for 29 years and is the only remaining teacher who first began at Pershing.

Mrs. McKinley first taught low and high sixth at West University Elementary. When Pershing was built she then began teaching Latin and English there. When this new building was completed she decided to go into the counselling field. During the summers of 1950, 1951, and 1952 she attended Columbia University, where she received her M.A. degree in Guidance and Student Personnel. She received her B.A. degree at Sam Houston State Teachers College.

She went into the Counselling field because she enjoys working with boys and girls. She has many jobs. Among those are helping the students with their personal and educational problems. Mrs. McKinley is president of the South Texas Counselors Association and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi.

Books



These are books that are now in our library. Come by and pick one out. They're good!

One Hundred White Horses

By Mildred Lawrence

This is a book with lots of humor, and understanding. The Pages lived in Florida and Penelope found life rather rough in 1886. You will enjoy this counting 100 white horses with Penelope.

Stairway to a Secret

By Joy De Weese Welen

Mystery lovers here is a new one. Mystery romance, Scotland Yard and a Grenadier make this a popular "Who Done It?"

Star Rangers

By Andre Norton

It's 8054 A.D. and the First Galactic Empire has fallen. The patrol ship Starfire is wrecked on an unknown planet. How they were saved makes this one of the most exciting science fiction stories of the year.

JOURNALISM CLASS WORKS FOR CHATTER

The journalism class in room 207A, is busy writing stories for the coming issues of the CHATTER this year.

This is a practical arts course with both eighth and ninth grade members. The purpose of the course is to learn the essentials of journalism and to write for the CHATTER.

The members of the class include Diana Van Wagoner, chairman; Richard Harris, assistant chairman; and Ruthie Castor, Sherry Evans, Kenneth Dodd, Terry Van Wagner, Valerie Daumoy, Ann Echols, Judy Enquist, Dian Duryea, and Judy Cunningham.

CHUCKWAGON DINNER SCOUT TROOP 70

The Senior Girl Scout Troop 70 gave a Chuckwagon Dinner February 6, at the Bellaire Community Building.

They gave it to earn money toward a trip at the end of their junior year. Their leaders are Mrs. W. K. Duryea, Mrs. P. F. Fleming, and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, all mothers of Pershing girl scouts.

RAMBLIN' ROUND

By Patti Oliver

Hello there, all you pandas! Well this is the beginning of a new term and I'll bet all of you are so thrilled.

There has been quite a few parties during the past month. On Feb. 5 Sandra Nordstrom gave Jo Burdett a surprise birthday party and the very next day Jo Burdett gave Sunny Sue O'Neal a surprise birthday party. Too bad the picture of Louise Wright didn't turn out after she was surprised at a party given by Jane Yoder.

A good time was had by all at a tea given by Linda Lamb. Among the girls who attended were Linda Leyendecker, Frances Lloyd, Sue Hancock, Mary Wayne Heathcott, Brenda Heid, Sandra Sapor, Barbara Greedy, Ann Harbeson, Nancy Knapp, Joy Hammond, Janet Kelly, Ann Chenault, Sharon Langston, and Ann Burgess.

A wonderful dance was given by Jo Burdett, Kay Gallagher, Billie Roy, and Judy Greenway on Feb. 13. Martha Germany, Nancy Frost, and Nancy Bacon also gave a swell dance on Feb. 20.

The Guys and Dolls Dance Club had an informal dance at Laura Dorman's Dance Studio on Feb. 13. What did that boy say to Jane Yoder to embarrass her so much?

Seems like the girls in Mrs. "Dee's" sixth period gym class have gone clap crazy not to say anything about the swimmers in seventh period.

Miss Gregory sure was surprised when Carole McDonald brought her dog into the fourth period Spanish class. All the kids had their attention turned to the huge German police dog. Wonder if the dog learned any Spanish.

Not long ago Randy Moore was injured in an automobile accident. It was quite serious but here's hoping he'll recover as quickly as possible.

Richard Akkerman, Steve Dowell, Bob Barnett, and Stephen Thomas, all have secret admirers.

I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time at the Sweetheart dance. Congratulations to Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Richardson for making it a great one.

Susan Brown, Helen Monroe, Barbara Nelson, Fannie Newton, Bobby Pharr, and Sandra Stepleton, gave a swell barn dance at the Bellaire Community Building not long ago. During the broom dance Mac Kidd, Judy Whitehurst, Sonny Young, Sandra Schoenfield, Scotty Hedrick, and Virginia Williams looked like they were having a neat old time running around the dance hall. Pat Poy and Bill Gay were having a swell time during the peanut dance.

Dale Webb gave a slumberless party and weenie roast last month. Among the girls attending were Arlene Spinks, Eleanor Powers, Priscilla Randolph, and Judy Spears (of Burbank).

If you have any news about parties or interesting tidbits that you would like in the Chatter please contact me.

Panda Cub Album



Who's in today's P.C.A.? I don't know his name but you may.

Small in the picture, he's grown-up today, On our football team he used to play.

Sirloin steak is his favorite food, His pet peeve is people who are rude.

Red, Dr. Pepper, and "Till Then," Head the "favorite list" for him.

His name in code is ———
TYNIDKE CUP

Spelling Bee

By Dorothy Evelyn Reese

Three representatives were chosen recently from each homeroom of the seventh and eighth grades to compete in the Spelling Bee sponsored by the Houston Press.

On Monday, February 14, elimination processes continued between the high seventh and high eighth grades. Three contestants were chosen. The following day, Tuesday, the same procedure was repeated between the low seventh and low eighth grades. Thus, there remained twelve students, three from each half grade, each hoping to be the representative of Pershing in the Houston city-wide contest.

From this group one person will be chosen to compete in the city-wide contest, for the title of city champion, the winner of which will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. There, a nation-wide contest will be held.

In 1952 Frances Ferrell, a Pershing student, won the honor of being the champion of the Houston area and along with the trip to Washington, received a Zenith oceanic radio.

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HOMEROOM ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Anne Robertson's high eight registration elected the following officers the second term: president, Scott Charlton; vice-president, Judy Cunningham; secretary, Connie Cook; Student Council representative, Ann Echols; program chairman, Margaret Crocker; sergeant-at-arms, Susan Flint; and CHATTER reporter, Ann Echols.

Miss Edith Moreland's homeroom officers are as follows: president, Mack Kidd; vice-president, Mary Lynck; secretary, Genny McNamara; treasurer, Larry Moore; sergeant-at-arms, Joel Mathis; homeroom reporter, May Ruth Magruder.

Friday, January 15th, the social committee of Mrs. Huggins' (Junger) homeroom gave a program on sportsmanship.

A skit was presented, pointing out the qualities of a good sport. Rochell Brackman, chairman of the committee, held a short class discussion on sportsmanship, following the skit.

It was decided to elect the best sports of the class. Bari Boden was elected as best sport for the girls and Jerry Boggess, for the boys.

Mrs. La Verne's homeroom got off to a good start by electing their officers which are as follows: president, Jimmy Johnson; vice-president, Letitia Kinzbach; secretary, Rise Finch; treasurer, Meredith James; chairman, Meredith James; assistant chairman, Sue Kinney; sergeant-at-arms, Gerry Kuns; and CHATTER reporter Janet Junker. The class candidate for Sweetheart was Letitia Kinzbach. Rise Finch and Jimmy Johnson were elected to represent the homeroom as Panda Personalities.

Scholarship students for the last semester were: Barbara Jackson, Meredith James, Eldon Jones, Kay King and Letitia Kinzbach.

Those chosen to represent Mrs. La Verne's homeroom in the spelling bee are: Eldon Jones, Peter Kellogg, and Letitia Kinzbach.

Mrs. Rose's homeroom recently elected their new officers for this semester. They are: president, Mary Engbrock; vice - president Ross Thornton; secretary, Dee Ann Bowen; treasurer, Walter Britain; Student Council, Patty Withers; and CHATTER reporter, Patty Coon.

Wayne Brooks and Pam Bryan have come back to Mrs. Rose's homeroom after being away in the first part of the year.

Kandid Korner



By Ann Echols

Spring cleaning? Well, not quite. Windows are being washed and polished around Mr. Williams' science class. Wonder why? No one looks out of the windows anyway, do they? Kay Zindler and an unidentified helper are attacking the project from the outside.

Mrs. Trice's seventh grade homeroom elected Marilee Ellis to represent their homeroom in the Sweetheart Contest.

They put on an auditorium program February 3.

During the awards at mid-term there were seven students that received attendance awards from their homeroom.

Mr. Hansen's Thrift Club was reorganized this semester and the following were chosen as the new officers. They are as follows: president, Harry Diamond; vice-president, Harry Hilburn; secretary, Bob Hellums; treasurer, Ronnie Grant.

Their main project for this semester is to sell saving stamps.

Officers for Mrs. Junger's homeroom this semester are: president, Mike Blackledge; vice-president, Jerry Broggans; secretary, Judy Bond; treasurer, Eugene Canaliz; Student Council, Kenneth Carr; and CHATTER reporter, Susan Campbell.

Bond's Room Wins Dimes Contest

Sunday, January 31, Mrs. Juliana Bond's homeroom enjoyed an afternoon of fun at Playland Park as their reward for collecting the most money in the recent March of Dimes contest.

The class contributed \$46.22, of which \$15 was collected during one period.

CLUB NEWS

PROJECTION CLUB

As the spring term began, the Pershing Projection Club installed its new officers. The election was held at the last club meeting of the first semester. The new officers are Ronald Marr, president; Harvey Wheeler, vice-president; Joe Wall, secretary; and Joel Hochman, club reporter.

The club also listed three of last term's members, Harris Milam, Lane Powell, and Larry Fann as losses to Lamar.

The new members this semester are Mike Blackledge, James Cheek, Jerry Schwartz, Bill Porter, and Brian Oliver.

CHARADES CLUB

One of our new clubs is the Charades Club which was the Chess and Checker Club last semester. The officers are as follows: president, Charles Parker; vice-president, Dixie Kennedy; secretary, Bill Morris. The club is trying to pick the best teams out of the club to go on the Charades TV Program. They have also ordered booklets on Charades.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

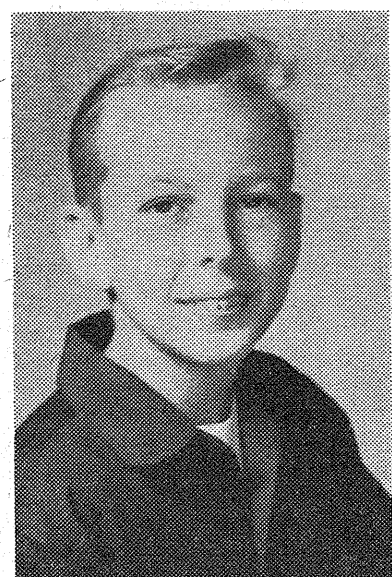
Student Council officers who left Pershing at mid-term were replaced at the Student Council general assembly on February 3. New officers are: second vice-president, Linda Galbraith; secretary, Kathleen Bowlin; parliamentarian, Sherry Berthiaume; sergeant-at-arms, Larry Moore.

A new library has been provided for the executive committee of Student Council in Miss Moreland's room. The main topics of the library are rules for parliamentary procedure and suggestions for improvement of the council.

BAND CHOOSES LEADERS

Officers of the Pershing Band for the Spring semester as elected by the band members are: president, Wayne McQuaid; vice-president, Sandra Scarborough; secretary, Karen Brown; treasurer, Bob Wright; sergeant-at-arms, Walter

PANDA PERSONALITIES



DON VICKERY

Don Vickery is in high seventh grade and has lived in Houston for nine years. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 18, 1941.

He lists as his main interests all kinds of sports, these including Little League Baseball, football, basketball, and track. Wow!

Don's hobbies are collecting stamps and making crystal radios and he has now started a gun collection.

His favorite foods are meat, potatoes, and fruit pies and his literature consists of sports magazines and "mad comics."

Don boasts blonde hair, light blue eyes, a winning smile and makes a good friend, as those who know him can tell you.



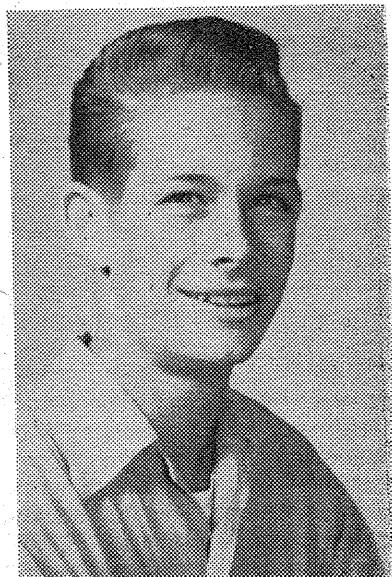
NANCY SMITH

Texas University sure gets the breaks! Some day in the near future Nancy Smith, the eighth grade Panda Personality, hopes to be a student there.

Nancy is a real "Pip" as the saying goes. She's a charming five feet, five and one half inches tall, has beautiful brown hair and big eyes the same color—and that's not all! She has brains too! Nancy is representing Mrs. Martha Fornell's low eighth grade homeroom in the spelling bee. She has been president of her homeroom twice, and was also an officer in her science class.

This bright-eyed Panda likes to swim and, while resting, listen to records (her favorite is "Secret Love"), eat hamburgers, and drink ice cold root beer.

Nancy plans to attend Lamar Senior High School and, as previously mentioned, Texas University.



STEVE DOWELL

Steve Dowell, Panda Personality for this month, is in Mrs. Ione High's homeroom.

Steve stands five feet, eight inches tall. Just by looking at this brown haired, blue eyed boy you can tell that he has a positive personality.

If you were to interrupt Steve at dinner you would probably find him with a steak on his plate and an R.C. in his hand.

Naturally his favorite sport is football.

His plans for the future are to go to Lamar, then to A & M to study engineering.

From what we have heard, he should make a fine engineer.

ESCAPE

By Dan Sutherland

An essay and short story contest was held recently for the members of the ninth grade English classes.

Selected as one of the best submitted was the short story by Dan Sutherland. Other good stories were written by Bonnie Van Greithuysen, Thomas Bacon, and Jean Bryan.

Below is the story "Escape," written by Dan Sutherland.

Escape

It was late afternoon, the hills were beginning to turn purple, and the sun was slowly sinking in the west.

He had been running for some time now. He was tired but they were still there, following. He looked back; they trailed by about five hundred yards. They had kept that position for several hours, one on either side.

He had been eating a clump of grass. It was dry and coarse, for it had been hot and the grass had shriveled and died, but it was an improvement over sagebrush.

Suddenly he saw the gray form, close to the ground. He began to run, and it ran after him and only then did he see the other one. That had been several hours ago.

Now only one thought raced through his brain. Escape! It began to cool; the breeze in his face refreshed him and he increased his speed. So did they. His small hooves dug into the turf spurring him on. The antelope is small brown form with its distinctive black and white stripes contrasted with the tawny gray of the wolves' fur in the hazy atmosphere.

It looks as if the fashion parade will have to sign off now but there will be more fads and fashions next issue. Look for us then, and until then, so long!

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